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Apical Sodium Co-Dependent Bile Acid Transport (ASBT) and Taurocholate
Uptake

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-captioned patent application, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment. It is believed that no fee is due for filing this Preliminary Amendment. However, if there is a fee, please debit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

An AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION section begins on page 2 of this paper.

A LISTING OF CLAIMS reflects claim amendments and begins on page 3 of this paper.

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